

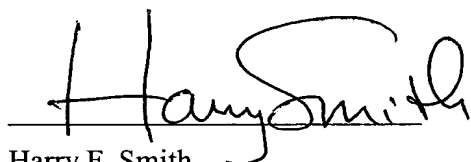
## REMARKS

The Preliminary Amendment herein addresses a typographical error appearing within the paragraph beginning on page 8, at line 6. The added pages show changes made.

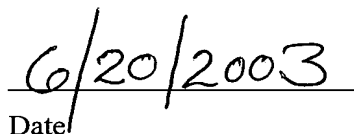
Additionally, this Preliminary Amendment sets forth clarifying amendments to the claims. The amendments to the claims were not made for reasons of patentability. The full range of equivalents for all of the elements of the amended claim, as well as for all of the other claims, should remain intact. New claims 18-21 have been added. Support for claim 18 is found throughout the specification, and support for claims 19-21 can be found at least at page 7, line 18, to page 8, line 17. No new matter has been added.

A favorable consideration that results in the allowance of all of the pending claims is earnestly solicited.

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